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FOREWORD

The National Eutrophication Survey was initiated in 1972 in response to an Administration commitment to investigate the nationwide threat of accelerated eutrophication to fresh water lakes and reservoirs.

OBJECTIVES

The Survey was designed to develop, in conjunction with state environmental agencies, information on nutrient sources, concentrations, and impact on selected freshwater lakes as a basis for formulating comprehensive and coordinated national, regional, and state management practices relating to point-source discharge reduction and non-point source pollution abatement in lake watersheds.

ANALYTIC APPROACH

The mathematical and statistical procedures selected for the Survey's eutrophication analysis are based on related concepts that:

- a. A generalized representation or model relating sources, concentrations, and impacts can be constructed.
- b. By applying measurements of relevant parameters associated with lake degradation, the generalized model can be transformed into an operational representation of a lake, its drainage basin, and related nutrients.
- c. With such a transformation, an assessment of the potential for eutrophication control can be made.

LAKE ANALYSIS*

In this report, the first stage of evaluation of lake and watershed data collected from the study lake and its drainage basin is documented. The report is formatted to provide state environmental agencies with specific information for basin planning [§303(e)], water quality criteria/standards review [§303(c)], clean lakes [§314(a,b)], and water quality monitoring [§106 and §305(b)] activities mandated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

* The lake discussed in this report was included in the National Eutrophication Survey as a water body of interest to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Nutrient sources were not sampled, and this report relates only to the data obtained from lake sampling.

Beyond the single lake analysis, broader based correlations between nutrient concentrations (and loading) and trophic condition are being made to advance the rationale and data base for refinement of nutrient water quality criteria for the Nation's fresh water lakes. Likewise, multivariate evaluations for the relationships between land use, nutrient export, and trophic condition, by lake class or use, are being developed to assist in the formulation of planning guidelines and policies by EPA and to augment plans implementation by the states.

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NATIONAL EUTROPHICATION SURVEY

STUDY LAKES

STATE OF WISCONSINLAKE NAME

Altoona
Beaver Dam
Beaver Dam
Big Eau Pleine
Browns
Butte des Morts
Butternut
Castle Rock Flowage
Como
Crystal
Delavan
Eau Claire
Geneva
Grand
Green
Kegonsa
Koshkonong
Lac La Belle
Middle
Nagawicka
Oconomowoc
Okauchee
Petenwell Flowage
Pewaukee
Pigeon
Pine
Poygan
Rock
Rome Pond
Round
Shawano

COUNTY

Eau Claire
Barron
Dodge
Marathon
Racine
Winnebago
Price, Ashland
Juneau
Walworth
Vilas
Walworth
Eau Claire
Walworth
Green Lake
Green Lake
Dane
Jefferson, Rock, Dane
Waukesha
Walworth
Waukesha
Waukesha
Waukesha
Juneau
Waukesha
Waupaca
Waukesha
Winnebago, Waushara
Jefferson
Jefferson, Waukesha
Waupaca
Shawano

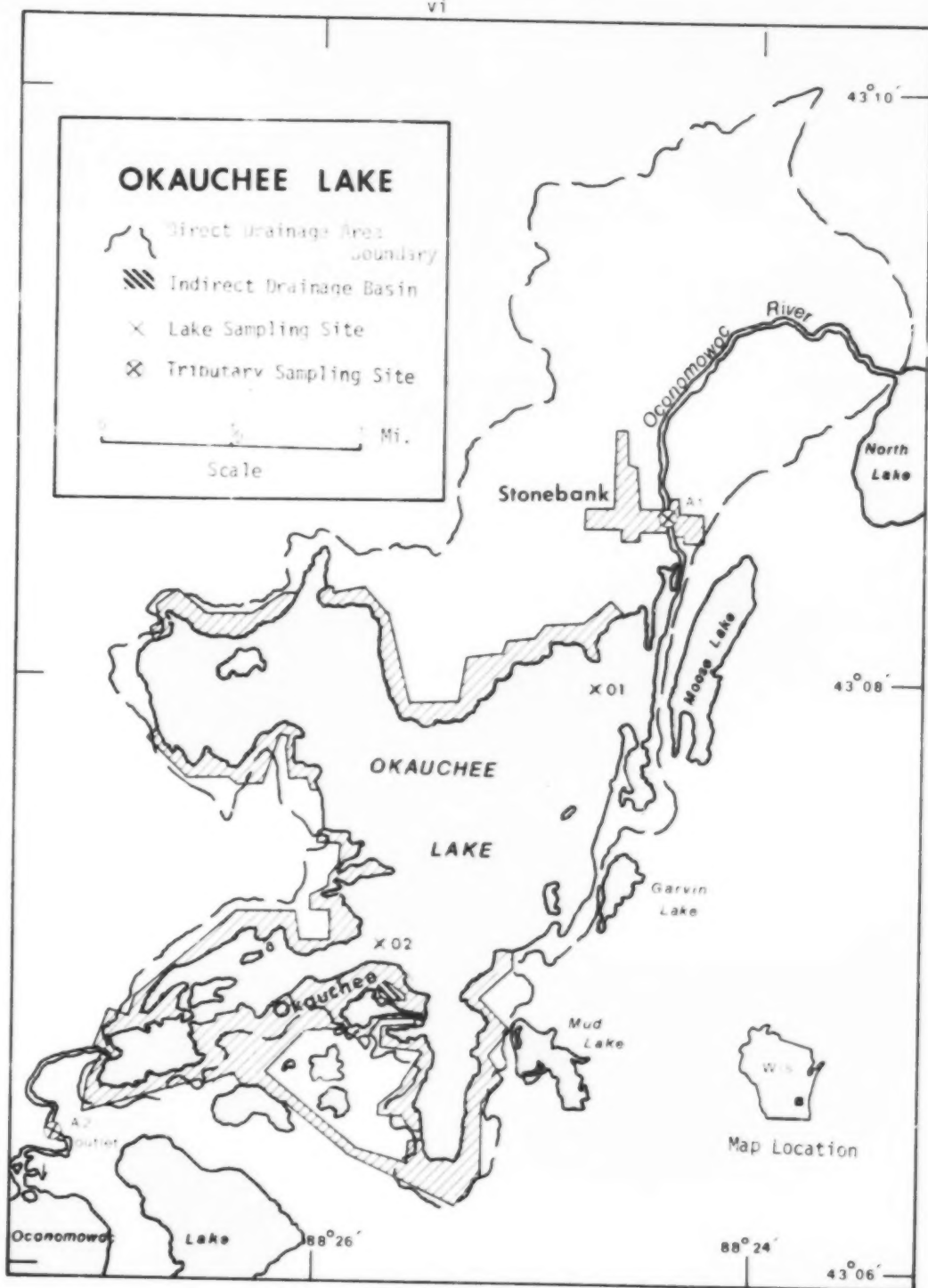
LAKE NAME

Sinnissippi
Swan
Tainter
Tichigan
Townline
Trout
Wapogasset
Wausau
Willow
Winnebago

Wisconsin
Wissota
Yellow

COUNTY

Dodge
Columbia
Dunn
Racine
Oneida
Vilas
Polk
Marathon
Oneida
Winnebago, Fond Du Lac,
Calumet
Columbia
Chippewa
Burnett



OKAUCHEE LAKE
STORET NO. 5558

I. INTRODUCTION

Okauchee Lake was included in the National Eutrophication Survey as a water body of interest to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The inlet and outlet of the lake were sampled (Appendix C), but no wastewater treatment plants impact the lake. Therefore, this report relates only to the lake sampling data.

II. CONCLUSIONS

A. Trophic Condition:

Survey data and a report by others (Poff and Threinen, 1963) indicate Okauchee Lake is in an early eutrophic condition. Of the 46 Wisconsin lakes sampled, six had less mean total phosphorus, four had less and one had the same mean dissolved phosphorus, 21 had less mean inorganic nitrogen, 13 had greater mean Secchi disc transparency, and 20 lakes had less mean chlorophyll a. Depression of dissolved oxygen with depth (37 feet and deeper) occurred at station 2 in August and at 74 feet in November.

Submerged aquatic vegetation is a major use-problem (Poff and Threinen, 1963), and the lake has received chemical treatment for the control of both weeds and algae for a number of years (Lueschow, 1972).

B. Rate-Limiting Nutrient:

The algal assay results indicate Okauchee Lake was phosphorus limited at the time the sample was taken (11/11/72). The lake data indicate phosphorus limitation in August as well but nitrogen limitation in June.

III. LAKE AND DRAINAGE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

A. Lake Morphometry[†]:

1. Surface area: 1,104 acres.
2. Mean depth: 29.6 feet.
3. Maximum depth: 90 feet.
4. Volume: 32,688 acre-feet.
5. Mean hydraulic retention time: 300 days.

B. Tributary and Outlet: (See Appendix A for flow data)

1. Tributaries -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Drainage area (mi²)*</u>	<u>Mean flow (cfs)*</u>
Oconomowoc River	74.3	48.5
Minor tributaries & immediate drainage -	<u>7.8</u>	<u>6.5</u>
Totals	82.1	55.0

2. Outlet -

Oconomowoc River	83.8**	55.0**
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C. Precipitation***:

1. Year of sampling: 38.7 inches.
2. Mean annual: 30.7 inches.

[†] WI Dept. Cons. lake survey map (1955).

* Drainage areas are accurate within $\pm 0.5\%$; mean daily flows are accurate within $\pm 40\%$; mean monthly flows are accurate within $\pm 35\%$; and normalized monthly flows are accurate within $\pm 35\%$.

** Includes area of lake; outflow adjusted to equal sum of inflows.

*** See Working Paper No. 1, "Survey Methods, 1972".

IV. LAKE WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

Okauchee Lake was sampled three times during the open-water season of 1972 by means of a pontoon-equipped Huey helicopter. Each time, samples for physical and chemical parameters were collected from two stations on the lake and usually from a number of depths at each station (see map, page vi). During each visit, a single depth-integrated (15 feet or near bottom to surface) sample was composited from the stations for phytoplankton identification and enumeration; and during the last visit, a single five-gallon depth-integrated sample was composited for algal assays. Also each time, a depth-integrated sample was collected from each of the stations for chlorophyll a analysis. The maximum depths samples were 31 feet at station 1 and 77 feet at station 2.

The results obtained are presented in full in Appendix B, and the data for the fall sampling period, when the lake essentially was well-mixed, are summarized below. Note, however, the Secchi disc summary is based on all values.

For differences in the various parameters at the other sampling times, refer to Appendix B.

A. Physical and chemical characteristics:

<u>FALL VALUES</u>				
<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Temperature (Cent.)	6.6	7.2	7.1	7.4
Dissolved oxygen (mg/l)	2.1	8.3	8.9	9.2
Conductivity (μ mhos)	485	488	490	495
pH (units)	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.8
Alaklinity (mg/l)	188	202	201	214
Total P (mg/l)	0.015	0.018	0.016	0.033
Dissolved P (mg/l)	0.008	0.010	0.009	0.016
NO ₂ + NO ₃ (mg/l)	0.140	0.206	0.220	0.250
Ammonia (mg/l)	0.100	0.117	0.100	0.270
<u>ALL VALUES</u>				
Secchi disc (inches)	12	75	72	113

B. Biological characteristics:

1. Phytoplankton -

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Dominant Genera</u>	<u>Number per ml</u>
06/21/72	1. Fragilaria	796
	2. Dinobryon	413
	3. Stephanodiscus	199
	4. Microcystis	127
	5. Anabaena	121
	Other genera	<u>399</u>
	Total	2,055
08/19/72	1. Chroococcus	355
	2. Dinobryon	347
	3. Merismopedia	239
	4. Synura	232
	5. Oocystis	224
	6. Fragilaria	224
	Other genera	<u>861</u>
	Total	2,482
11/11/72	1. Fragilaria	298
	2. Anabaena	293
	3. Dinobryon	195
	4. Asterionella	166
	5. Microcystis	119
	Other genera	<u>347</u>
	Total	1,418

2. Chlorophyll a -

(Because of instrumentation problems during the 1972 sampling, the following values may be in error by plus or minus 20 percent.)

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Station Number</u>	<u>Chlorophyll a ($\mu\text{g/l}$)</u>
06/21/72	01	12.7
	02	14.9
08/19/72	01	4.0
	02	4.1
11/11/72	01	7.7
	02	6.7

C. Limiting Nutrient Study:

1. Autoclaved, filtered, and nutrient spiked -

<u>Spike (mg/l)</u>	<u>Ortho P Conc. (mg/l)</u>	<u>Inorganic N Conc. (mg/l)</u>	<u>Maximum yield (mg/l-dry wt.)</u>
Control	0.014	0.319	3.5
0.006 P	0.020	0.319	6.2
0.012 P	0.026	0.319	7.7
0.024 P	0.038	0.319	8.4
0.060 P	0.074	0.319	9.2
0.060 P + 10.0 N	0.074	10.319	29.6
10.0 N	0.014	10.319	3.8

2. Discussion -

The control yield of the assay alga, Selenastrum capricornutum, indicates that the potential primary productivity of Okauchee Lake was relatively high at the time the sample was taken (11/11/72). Also, the results indicate that phosphorus was the growth-limiting nutrient. Note that the addition of orthophosphorus resulted in increases in growth

of the test alga, but there was not significant growth response to the addition of nitrogen alone.

If all lake data are used, including the high nitrogen values below 22 feet at station 2, phosphorus limitation would be indicated at all sampling times. However, if only values from the photic zone (assumed to be from the surface to 22 feet) are used, the lake data indicate nitrogen limitation in June ($N/P = 8/1$) and phosphorus limitation in August ($N/P = 19/1$) and November ($N/P = 18/1$).

V. LITERATURE REVIEWED

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V. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

TRIBUTARY FLOW DATA

9/30/74

TRIBUTARY FLOW INFORMATION FOR WISCONSIN

LAKE CODE 5558 OCKAUCHEE LAKE

TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA OF LAKE 83.80

TRIBUTARY

SUB-DRAINAGE AREA

74.30

81.80

9.50

NORMALIZED FLOWS

JUN JUL AUG SEP

74.00 34.00 24.00 31.00

85.80 39.00 27.20 35.10

10.00 4.50 3.20 4.00

MAY

64.00

72.10

6.40

APR

110.00

126.70

14.00

MAR

85.00

93.60

11.00

FEB

32.00

35.10

4.00

JAN

27.00

31.20

3.60

MEAN

110.00

126.70

14.00

DAY

23

9

11

83.80

81.80

85.00

93.60

32.00

35.10

23

9

11

14

24

26

29

26

27.00

27.00

35.00

3.20

MEAN

48.46

55.10

6.40

DEC

26.00

30.20

3.50

NOV

44.00

49.70

5.80

OCT

31.00

36.10

5.00

SEP

31.00

35.10

4.00

AUG

24.00

27.20

3.20

JUL

34.00

39.00

4.50

JUN

74.00

85.80

10.00

TOTAL FLOW IN =

659.80

TOTAL FLOW OUT =

661.80

SUMMARY

TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA OF LAKE =

83.80

SUM OF SUB-DRAINAGE AREAS =

81.80

MEAN MONTHLY FLOWS AND DAILY FLOWS

TRIBUTARY YEAR MEAN FLOW DAY FLOW DAY FLOW

5558A1 72 110.00 23 180.00

72 130.00

72 99.00

72 38.00

72 77.00

73 56.00

73 130.00

73 340.00

73 220.00

73 87.00

73 24.00

73 16.00

73 130.00

72 150.00

72 110.00

72 43.00

72 82.00

73 67.00

73 150.00

73 380.00

73 250.00

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73 27.00

73 18.00

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72 20.00

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72 5.80

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5558A2 72 110.00 23 180.00

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APPENDIX B

PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL DATA

STORET RETRIEVAL DATE 74/09/30

555801
43 07 54.0 088 04 48.0
OKAUCHEE LAKE
55 WISCONSIN

			11EPALES		2111202				DEPTH				
			3		000R FEET								
DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00010 WATER TEMP CENT	00300 DO MG/L	00077 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES	00094 CONDUCTIVITY FIELD MICROMHO	00400		00630 NO2&NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L	00610 NH3-N TOTAL MG/L	00665		00666 PHOS-DIS MG/L P
							PH	T ALK CACO3 MG/L			PHOS-TOT	PHOS-DIS	
72/06/21	13 50	0000	15.9	10.0	72	385	8.50	187	0.020	0.030	0.022	0.009	
	14 10	0000			12	410	8.41	169	0.050	0.090	0.015	0.008	
	14 10	0004	26.2	9.8		408	8.45	166	0.080	0.080	0.012	0.007	
72/11/11	14 10	0009	24.0	10.6		410	8.40	166	0.060	0.070	0.018	0.007	
	10 30	0000			113	490	7.80	210	0.250	0.110	0.016	0.008	
	10 30	0004	7.1	9.2		490	7.80	210	0.240	0.100	0.017	0.009	
	10 30	0015	7.1	9.2		490	7.80	188	0.240	0.110	0.015	0.010	
	10 30	0022	7.1	9.2		490	7.80	206	0.240	0.100	0.017	0.009	
	10 30	0031	7.1	9.0		490	7.80	214	0.250	0.100	0.016	0.010	

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DATE TIME DEPTH CHLOROPHYL
FROM OF A
TO DAY FEET UG/L

72/06/21 13 50 0000 12.7J
72/08/19 14 10 0000 4.0J
72/11/11 10 30 0000 7.7J

J VALUE KNOWN TO BE IN ERROR

STORRY RETRIEVAL DATE 74/09/30

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59 DISCONSIST

DATE FROM TO		TIME OF DAY		DEPTH FEET		WATER TEMP CENT		00300 DO MG/L		00077 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES		00094 CONDUCTIVITY FIELD MICROMHO		00400 PH SU		T ALK CAC03 MG/L		NO2+NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L		NH3-N TOTAL MG/L		00465 PHOS-TOT MG/L P		00664 PHOS-DIS MG/L P	
72/06/21		14 05 0000		14 05 0015		16.5		9.6		72		385		8.60		147		6.030		0.030		0.015		0.006	
		14 05 0015		14 05 0040		20.1		9.6				385		8.60		146		0.030		0.040		0.016		0.006	
72/08/13		14 40 0000		14 40 0004		6.4		7.2				400		7.80		196		0.300		0.040		0.021		0.008	
		14 40 0004		14 40 0015		26.5		8.9				398		8.45		168		0.060		0.070		0.015		0.009	
		14 40 0015		14 40 0022		22.5		8.0				410		8.40		174		0.060		0.070		0.013		0.007	
		14 40 0022		14 40 0027		20.2		8.0				410		8.30		179		0.060		0.070		0.011		0.007	
		14 40 0027		14 40 0037		12.6		6.7				440		8.25		179		0.060		0.050		0.011		0.005	
		14 40 0037		14 40 0047		7.7		3.4				445		7.80		195		0.190		0.050		0.016		0.006	
		14 40 0047		14 40 0057		6.6		3.5				450		7.50		205		0.400		0.040		0.011		0.006	
		14 40 0057		14 40 0057		5.9		4.0				448		7.45		196		0.450		0.050		0.014		0.006	
		14 40 0057		14 40 0077		5.3		4.0				450		7.50		196		0.470		0.050		0.012		0.006	
72/11/11		14 40 0077		14 40 0077		5.1		3.2		107		450		8.25		198		0.500		0.050		0.011		0.006	
		10 50 0000		10 50 0004		7.4		8.9				490		7.80		206		0.220		0.100		0.015		0.007	
		10 50 0004		10 50 0015		7.4		8.7				485		7.80		202		0.220		0.100		0.015		0.008	
		10 50 0015		10 50 0022		7.4		8.8				480		7.80		200		0.210		0.100		0.016		0.009	
		10 50 0022		10 50 0035		7.3		8.9				480		7.80		199		0.220		0.100		0.017		0.009	
		10 50 0035		10 50 0050		7.0		8.8				485		7.80		199		0.220		0.110		0.017		0.009	
		10 50 0050		10 50 0074		6.6		2.1				490		7.80		200		0.220		0.100		0.019		0.009	
		10 50 0074										495		7.50		194		0.140		0.270		0.033		0.016	

DATE FROM TO		TIME OF DAY		DEPTH FEET		CHLOROPHYL A UG/L	
72/06/21		14 05 0000		14.9J			
72/08/13		14 40 0000		4.1J			
72/11/11		10 50 0000		6.7J			

J VALUE KNOWN TO BE IN ERROR

APPENDIX C
TRIBUTARY DATA

STREET RETRIEVAL DATE 74/10/02

555442
 43 04 30.0 094 28 30.0
 OCONOMOWOC RIVER
 55 15 MAPLAND
 O/OKAUCHEE LAKE
 US 16 RDG W OF OKAUCHEE
 11EPALES 2111204
 4 0000 FEET DEPTH

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00630 NO2-N N-TOTAL	00625 TOT KjEL N	00610 NH3-N TOTAL	00671 PHOS-DIS UPPER	00665 PHOS-TOT
			MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L	MG/L
72/09/23	15 00		0.247	1.100	0.740	0.005K	0.024
72/11/05	13 40		0.049	0.540	0.050	0.003	0.016
72/12/04	14 00		0.250	0.610	0.022	0.002	0.019
73/01/04	15 45		0.290	0.730	0.024	0.003	0.020
73/02/11	14 12		0.340	0.720	0.007	0.005	0.025
73/03/14	10 45		0.430	1.000	0.026	0.007	0.155
73/04/14	13 45		0.350	0.940	0.014	0.005K	0.035
73/04/20	14 15		0.175	1.100	0.014	0.006	0.025
73/05/12	14 30		0.220	0.970	0.024	0.010	0.030
73/05/24	14 50		0.160	1.250	0.052	0.006	0.035
73/06/15	13 25		0.022	1.200	0.048	0.003	0.030
73/07/01	13 10		0.007	1.200	0.060	0.004	0.030
73/08/26			0.013	0.740	0.044	0.008	0.020

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